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SUBJECT: QUESTIONS TAKEN AT THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING,  
APRIL 3, 1978

AT THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING ON APRIL 3, THE SPOKESMAN TOOK  
A QUESTION RE US ACTION ON THE BHUTTO DEATH SENTENCE. THE  
FOLLOWING ANSWER WAS LATER POSTED:

Q. HAS THE U.S. SAID ANYTHING TO THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT  
ABOUT THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR BHUTTO?

A. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT  
BOTH HERE AND IN ISLAMABAD ON THIS MATTER, BUT IT WOULD NOT  
BE APPROPRIATE FOR US PUBLICLY TO GET INTO THIS DIPLOMATIC  
EXCHANGE.

Q. DID THE PAKISTANIS COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR "INTERFERING"  
IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS BECAUSE OF OUR APPROACH?

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A. AS WE HAVE SAID, WE DO NOT WISH TO GET INTO OUR  
DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES. VANCE

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